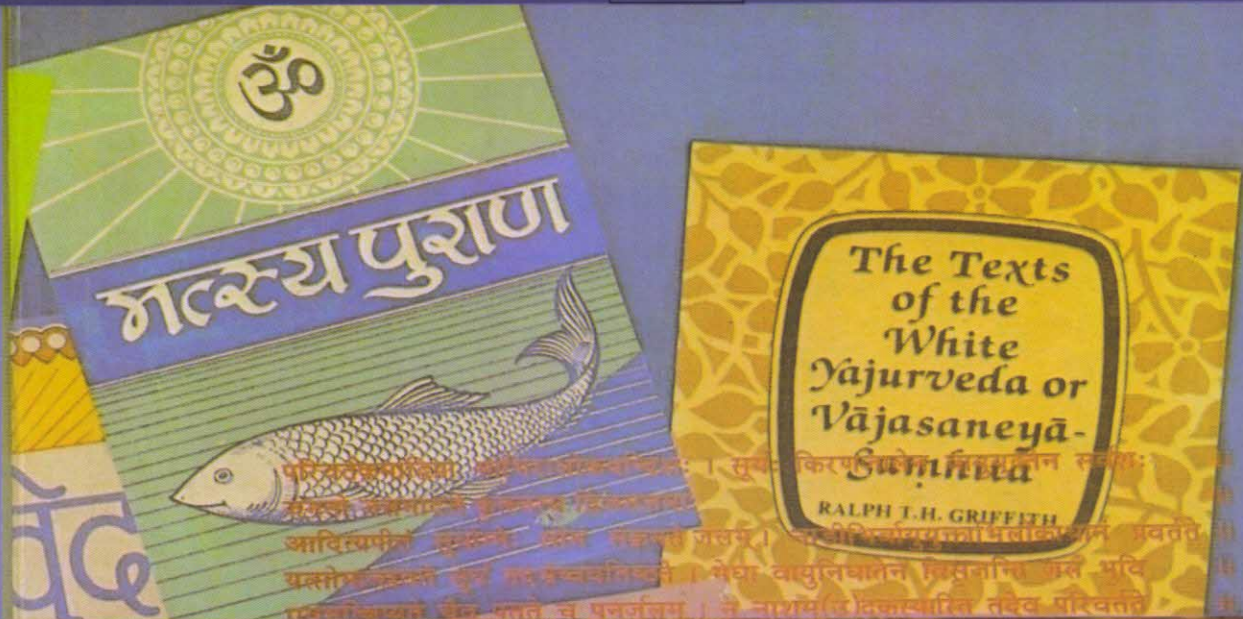


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## Shlokas for Invoking River Goddess

गंगे च यमुने चैव गोदावरि सरस्वति ।  
नर्मदि सिंधु कावेरि जलेऽस्मिन् सन्निधिं कुरु ॥ Sri Bruhannardiya Puran

*Meaning:* O rivers Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Saraswati, Narmada, Sindhu and Kaveri, please enrich the water I am bathing with, with your presence.

गंगा सिंधु सरस्वति च यमुना गोदावरि नर्मदा ।  
कावेरि शरयू महेन्द्रतनया चर्मण्वती वेदिका ॥  
क्षिप्रा वेत्रवती महासुरनदी ख्याता जया गण्डकी ।  
पूर्णाः पूर्णजलैः समुद्रसहिताः कुर्वन्तु मे मंगलम् ॥

*Meaning:* May rivers Ganga, Sindhu, Saraswati, Yamuna, Godavari, Narmada, Kaveri, Sharyu, Mahendratanya, Chambala, Vedika, Kshipra, Vettravati (a rivulet), chiefly the Mahasurnadi, Jaya and Gandaki become sacred and absolute, and along with the sea, shower benevolence on me.

नमामि गंगे तव पादपंकजं सुरासुरैर्वन्दितदिव्यरूपाम् ।  
भुक्तिं च मुक्तिं च ददासि नित्यं भावानुसारेण सदा नराणाम् ।

*Meaning:* O Mother Ganga, the bestower of all worldly happiness, pleasures and Moksha as per the different levels of bhav of the worshipper, all Deities and demons worship your Holy feet, I too offer obeisance at your Holy feet.

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